

Making Sense of Life
When Life Doesn't Make Sense
Matthew 14:22-33

Big Idea: Hope in a State of Helplessness

1. The Context
2. The Fear Of Helplessness (vs. 22-24)
3. Hope has a Name Jesus (vs. 25-27)
 - a. Jesus is up on the mountain praying – evidently he had one eye on the Father and one eye on the disciples.
 - b. Jesus saw the storm and the crisis of the disciples
 - c. Jesus moved into action

The statement, “It is I” in Greek is literally translated I Am.

This is the same phrase Jesus used in:

John 6:35 - I Am ... the bread of life...

John 8:12 – I Am ... the light of the world...

John 10:7, 9 - I Am ... the gate/door...

John 10:11 – I Am ... the good shepherd...

John 11:25 – I Am ... the resurrection and the life...

John 14:6 – I Am ... the way, the truth, and the life...

John 15:1 – I Am ... the true vine...

4. Peter's determined response (vs. 28-29)
5. Peter's desperate response (vs. 30)

Take Aways:

- Even Peter and the rest of Jesus' original disciples were not exempt from life's crises.
- As Jesus, even though up on a mountain praying to the Father, saw the disciples in their dark and rough storm, He also sees us when's life's storms hit us.
- Jesus, the creator of the universe (John 1:1-3), was able step out on the water he created and walk to His disciples. In His perfect timing, He too will demonstrate that He walks above our circumstances.
- The disciples no doubt saw the boat as their apparent security. However, it was actually safer for Peter to be walking on the water with Jesus than to be fighting the storm in his own strength in the boat.
- As Peter kept his eyes on Jesus, he was victorious over the storm, walking on the water. But when Peter took his eyes off Jesus, the storm was about to drown him.